

Rigid Motions of  $\mathbb{R}^2$

$f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  which preserves lengths

ie  $\forall \vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \|f(\vec{x}) - f(\vec{y})\| = \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\|$

these all preserve angles (it can be shown)

ex ① translations: fix  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2, f_{\vec{b}}: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \vec{x} \mapsto \vec{x} + \vec{b}$

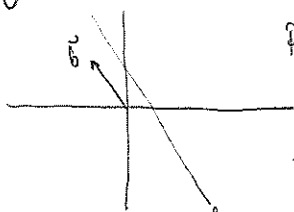
② rotations: fix  $\vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2, \text{fix } \varphi \in (0, \pi)$

③ reflections: reflection through line  $l$

Any composition of these also

④ glide reflections: fix line  $l, \text{fix } \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$

parallel to  $l$ :



first reflect along  $l$  then translate by  $\vec{b}$

Theorem: Every rigid motion of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is either a translation, rotation, reflection, or glide reflection.

As well: A function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  is a rigid motion iff  $\exists \vec{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and an orthogonal matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$  st  $f(\vec{x}) = A\vec{x} + \vec{b} \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (ie  $A^T A = I$ )

Def Let  $G_2$  be the set of all rigid motions of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Some properties:

- ① if  $f, g \in G_2$  then  $f \circ g \in G_2$  (ie  $G_2$  is closed under composition)
- ② if  $f \in G_2$  then  $f^{-1} \in G_2$  (ie  $G_2$  is closed under taking inverses)
- ③  $\exists 1 \in G_2$  st  $1(\vec{x}) = \vec{x} \forall \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  (ie  $G_2$  includes identity)

More generally: Let  $G_n$  be the set of rigid motions of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Note  $G_n$  satisfies ①-③ as above



$D_8$  is the set of those permutations of  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  which can be obtained by a rigid motion of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which fixes the square

$D_8$  is the dihedral group of order 8 ( $\#D_8 = 8$ )

Properties: ①-③ as above

More generally, for  $n \geq 3, D_{2n}$  is the set of perms of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  obtained by applying rigid motions to a regular  $n$ -gon. Has properties ①-③.  $\#D_{2n} = 2n$

Def] A group is an ordered pair  $(G, \star)$  where

- $G$  is a non-empty set
- $\star: G \times G \rightarrow G$  is a binary operation on  $G$
- $\star$  is associative:  $a \star (b \star c) = (a \star b) \star c \quad \forall a, b, c \in G$
- $\exists e \in G$  st  $a \star e = e \star a = a \quad \forall a \in G$
- $\forall a \in G \exists b \in G$  st  $ab = ba = e$

ex  $(G_n, \cdot)$ ,  $(G_n, \circ)$   $n \geq 2$  } from last day } non-abelian  
 $(D_n, \circ)$   $n \geq 3$

ex  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  } abelian  
 $(V, +)$  for "vector space"  $V$  with its addition  
 $(\mathbb{Z}_n, + \text{ mod } n)$

Def] A group  $(G, \star)$  is abelian if  $a \star b = b \star a \forall a, b \in G$  ( $\star$  is commutative).

Def] A group  $(G, \star)$  is finite if  $G$  is finite, and is infinite otherwise.

Remark: Finite groups are nice because we can write down a table for  $\star$

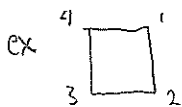
ex  $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +)$

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

ex  $(\mathbb{Z}_8, \star)$

$\star$	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	3	0	1	2
2	2	3	1	2
3	1	2	3	0

To see this is a group,  
 map  $a \mapsto 2a+1$   
 Now  $\star: \{1,3,5,7\} \rightarrow \{1,3,5,7\}$   
 is  $\text{mod } 8$  so  $\star$  is associative



$D_8$  exploration:

- let  $r$  be the clockwise rotation by  $90^\circ$
- note  $r^2$  is rotation by  $180^\circ$
- note  $r^3$  is clockwise rotation by  $270^\circ$
- note  $r^4$  is the identity
- let  $s$  be the reflection through  $y=x$
- note  $sr$  is reflection through  $y$ -axis
- note  $sr^2$  is reflection through  $y=-x$
- note  $sr^3$  is reflection through  $x$ -axis

	1	r	r <sup>2</sup>	r <sup>3</sup>	s	sr	sr <sup>2</sup>	sr <sup>3</sup>
1	1	r	r <sup>2</sup>	r <sup>3</sup>	s	sr	sr <sup>2</sup>	sr <sup>3</sup>
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Howev  $D_8 = \langle s, r \mid r^4 = s^2 = 1, sr = rs^{-1} \rangle$

Proposition: Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group, let  $a, b, u, v \in G$ .

- (i) If  $au = av$  then  $u = v$ .
- (ii) If  $ua = va$  then  $u = v$ .
- (iii) The equation  $ax = b$  has a unique solution.
- (iv) The equation  $xa = b$  has a unique solution.

Proof: Assume  $au = av$ . Then  $a^{-1}(au) = a^{-1}(av)$ , so  $(a^{-1}a)u = (a^{-1}a)v$  which yields  $eu = ev$ . Hence  $u = v$ . The next is similar.

Assume  $x$  is st  $ax = b$ . Then  $a^{-1}(ax) = a^{-1}b$  so  $ex = a^{-1}b$  so  $x = a^{-1}b$ . Hence this is the only possible solution. Also note it is a solution. The next is similar. ■

Proposition: Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group,  $a, b \in G$ .

- (i)  $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$ .
- (ii)  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$ .

Proof: Note  $(a^{-1})(a^{-1})^{-1} = e = a^{-1}a$ . By the above,  $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$ .

Note  $(ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) = \dots = a(bb^{-1})a^{-1} = a(ea^{-1}) = aa^{-1} = e$ . Similarly  $(b^{-1}a^{-1})(ab) = e$ . ■

Fact: Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a finite group. Then each element of  $G$  occurs exactly once in each row and column.

applies to infinite groups too... (facepalm)

Proof: Suppose  $ab = ac$ . Then  $b = c$ . Suppose  $d \in G$ . Then  $a(a^{-1}d) = \dots = d$ .

Similarly for RHS. ■

Def) Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group,  $a \in G, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $a^n := \begin{cases} \underbrace{a \dots a}_{n \text{ times}} & n \geq 1 \\ e & n = 0 \\ (a^{-1})^{-n} & n \leq -1 \end{cases}$

Facts: We have  $a^n a^m = a^{n+m}, (a^n)^m = a^{nm}$ , but in general,  $(ab)^n \neq a^n b^n$ .

Def) Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group,  $a \in G$ . The cycle generated by  $a$  is  $a := \{a^n; n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \subseteq G$ .

Fact: For a group  $(G, \cdot)$  and  $a \in G$ , there are two possibilities.

- 1)  $a^i \neq a^j \forall i \neq j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\langle a \rangle$  is infinite and has "infinite order".
- 2)  $\exists i \neq j \in \mathbb{Z} a^i = a^j$ . Then  $e = a^{i-j}$ . Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  be least st  $a^n = e$ . Then  $k \text{ or } -k = n$ . so  $\langle a \rangle = \{a^0 = e, a^1, \dots, a^{n-1}\}$

Recall: For a group  $(G, \cdot)$ ,  $a \in G$ , we let  $\langle a \rangle = \{a^n; n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

Def Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group,  $a \in G$ . We let the order of  $a$  be  $o(a) = |\langle a \rangle|$ .

Technically we write  $o(a) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } \langle a \rangle \text{ is infinite} \\ n & \text{if } \langle a \rangle \text{ is finite} \end{cases}$

ex Consider  $(G, \circ)$ . We claim there is an element of every order

- for  $n \geq 1$ , a rotation by  $2\pi/n$  around any point has order  $n$
- any translation (non-trivial) has infinite order
- "
- "

ex In  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $o(0) = 1$  and  $o(n) = \infty \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$

ex Consider  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ .

$a$	0	1	2	3	...	$n$
$o(a)$	1	18	9	6	...	$\frac{18}{\gcd(n, 18)}$

number of elements of order  $k$  is  $\varphi(k)$  for  $k | 18$

Def Let  $(G, \circ)$  be a group,  $H \subseteq G$ . We say  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if:

- 1)  $H \neq \emptyset$ ;
- 2)  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$ ;
- 3)  $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$ . We write  $H \leq G$

ex.  $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ . (claim  $H = \{2k; k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a subgroup)

ex  $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ ,  $H = \{0, 1\}$ .  $H \not\leq G$  since  $1+1 \notin H$

ex  $G = (G_2, \circ)$ ,  $H = \{f \in G_2; f(0) = 0\}$ , Exercise:  $H$  is a subgroup

Fact: If  $(G, \circ)$  is a group and  $H \leq G$  then  $(H, \circ|_H)$  is a group. Exercise.

Proposition: Let  $G$  be a group,  $H \leq G$ . Then  $H \leq G$  iff  $H \neq \emptyset$  and  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$ .

Proposition: Let  $G$  be a group,  $H \leq G$  finite. Then  $H \leq G$  iff  $H \neq \emptyset$  and  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab \in H$ .

Proof:

ex.  $\langle a \rangle \subseteq G$  by subgroup criterion, we call  $\langle a \rangle$  the cyclic subgroup generated by  $a$

Remark: Let  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in G$ . Then  $\exists$  smallest  $H \leq G$  st  $a_1, \dots, a_k \in H$ . (intersect them all)

Denote  $H = \langle a_1, \dots, a_k \rangle$ .

Def A group  $G$  is cyclic if  $\exists a \in G$  st  $\langle a \rangle = G$ .

ex Let  $\mathbb{Z}_n^\times = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_n \text{ st } \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$ . Then  $(\mathbb{Z}_n^\times, \cdot \text{ mod } n)$  is a group. ex  $\mathbb{Z}_7^\times = \langle 3 \rangle$ .

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Theorem: Let  $G$  be a <sup>cyclic</sup> group. If  $H \leq G$  then  $H$  is cyclic.

Proof: If  $H = \langle e \rangle$  ok. Else  $\exists n > 0$  st  $a^n \in H$  (as  $a^n \in H$ ). Let  $m$  be the smallest one.

Claim  $H = \langle a^m \rangle$ . Well  $a^m \in H \Rightarrow \langle a^m \rangle \subseteq H$ . Now let  $h \in H$ . Then  $h = a^b$ . Write  $b = qm + r$ . Then  $h = a^b = a^{qm+r} = (a^m)^q a^r$ . Remains to show  $r = 0$ . If not, then  $a^r = (a^m)^{-q} h \in H \Rightarrow r \geq m$ , contradiction.  $\square$

Def Let  $G$  be a group,  $H \leq G$ ,  $a \in G$ . The left-coset of  $H$  given by  $a$  is  $aH = \{ah; h \in H\} \subseteq G$ . The right-coset of  $H$  given by  $a$  is  $Ha = \{ha; h \in H\} \subseteq G$ .

Lemma: Let  $G$  be a group,  $H \leq G$ ,  $a \in G$ . Then  $|aH| = |H| = |Ha|$ .

Proof: Define  $L_a: H \rightarrow aH$  by  $L_a(h) = ah$ . Claim  $L_a$  is injective. Suppose  $L_a(h_1) = L_a(h_2)$ . Then  $ah_1 = ah_2 \Rightarrow h_1 = h_2$ . Clearly surjective,  $\therefore |H| = |aH|$ .  
Sim.  $|Ha| = |H|$ .  $\square$

Def Let  $G$  be a group,  $H \leq G$ ,  $a, b \in G$ . Say  $a \equiv b \pmod{H}$  if  $a^{-1}b \in H$ .

Remark: This is an equivalence class. (exercise)  $\rightarrow$  equivalence classes  $[a]_H$

Proposition: Let  $G$  be a group,  $H \leq G$ ,  $a \in G$ . Then  $aH = [a]_H$ .

Proof: Let  $x \in [a]_H$ . So  $a \equiv x \pmod{H} \Rightarrow a^{-1}x \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1}x = h$  for some  $h \in H \Rightarrow x = ah \Rightarrow x \in aH$ .  $\Rightarrow [a]_H \subseteq aH$

Let  $x \in aH$ . So  $x = ah$  some  $h \in H$ . Then  $a^{-1}x = h \Rightarrow a^{-1}x \in H \Rightarrow a \equiv x \pmod{H} \Rightarrow x \in [a]_H \Rightarrow aH \subseteq [a]_H \Rightarrow aH = [a]_H$ .  $\square$

Remark:  $\{aH; a \in G\}$  is a partition of  $G$ ,  $a \equiv b \pmod{H}$  iff  $aH = bH$ .

We can also do this on the right.

Def)  $a \equiv_R b \pmod{H}$  if  $ba^{-1} \in H$

Again we will find  $\equiv_R \pmod{H}$  is an equivalence relation.

$$[a]_R^H = \{x \in G; a \equiv_R x \pmod{H}\} \cong Ha \text{ (exercise)}$$

The right cosets of  $H$  also partition  $G$ .

In general, these partitions are different.

Recall,  $|aH| = |H| = |Ha|$ .

Theorem (Lagrange's Theorem): Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $H \leq G$ . Then  $|H| \mid |G|$ .

Proof:  $|G| = \sum_{i=1}^k |a_i H| = \sum_{i=1}^k |H| = \sum_{i=1}^k |H|$  where  $a_1 H, \dots, a_k H$  are the left cosets.  $\square$

Def) Let  $G$  be a group,  $H \leq G$ . The index of  $H$  in  $G$ , denoted  $[G:H]$ , is the number of left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Corollary: If  $G$  is a finite group,  $H \leq G$ , then  $[G:H] = |G|/|H|$   $\square$

Corollary: Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $a \in G$ . Then  $|a| \mid |G|$ .

Proof: Well  $|a| = |\langle a \rangle|$ . As  $\langle a \rangle \leq G$ , we have  $|\langle a \rangle| \mid |G| \Rightarrow |a| \mid |G|$ .  $\square$

Corollary: Let  $G$  be a group,  $|G| = p$ ,  $p$  prime. Then  $G$  is cyclic.

Proof: Note  $|G| \geq 2$ , so pick  $a \in G \setminus \{1\}$ . Then  $a \neq 1$  so  $|a| > 1$ . But  $|a| \mid p$ , so  $|a| = p$ . Hence  $|\langle a \rangle| = p \Rightarrow \langle a \rangle = G$ .  $\square$

Corollary: Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $H_1, \dots, H_k \leq G$ . If  $\gcd(|H_1|, \dots, |H_k|) = 1$  then  $\bigcap H_i = \{1\}$ .

Proof: Suppose  $a \in \bigcap H_i$ . Then  $a \in H_i$ , so  $|a| \mid |H_i|$ .  $\therefore |a| \mid \gcd(|H_1|, \dots, |H_k|)$ , so  $|a| = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1$ .  $\square$

Def) Let  $G$  be a group,  $A, B \leq G$ . Then  $AB = \{ab; a \in A, b \in B\} \leq G$ .

Proposition: Let  $G$  be a group,  $H, K \leq G$  finite. Then  $|HK| = |H||K|/|H \cap K|$ .

Proof: Observe  $HK = \bigcup_{h \in H} hK$ . Note  $h_1 K = h_2 K$  iff  $h_1^{-1} h_2 \in K$  iff  $h_1^{-1} h_2 \in K \cap H$  iff  $h_1 K \cap H = h_2 K \cap H$ . So the # of left cosets of  $K$  in  $G$  named by  $h \in H = [H:HK] = |H|/|H \cap K|$ . So  $|HK| = (|H|/|H \cap K|)|K|$ .  $\square$

ex.  $D_8 = \langle r, s \mid r^4 = s^2 = 1, srs = r^{-1}s \rangle$   $|\langle sr \rangle| = |\langle sr^2 \rangle|$   $|\langle sr \rangle \cap \langle sr^2 \rangle| = 1 \Rightarrow |\langle sr \rangle \langle sr^2 \rangle| = 4$  ( $4 \nmid 8 \Rightarrow$  not subgroup)

Def Let  $\Omega$  be a non-empty set. Define the symmetric group  
 $S_\Omega := \{f: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega \text{ a bijection}\}.$

Fact:  $(S_\Omega, \circ)$  is a group.

Remark: When  $\Omega = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we write  $S_n$ .

Notes:  $S_n$  is the symmetric group of degree  $n$ ,  $|S_n| = n!$  Notation for elements:

ex 

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$\sigma(x)$	4	8	6	3	5	1	2	7

write  $(1\ 4\ 3\ 6)$  <sup>cycles</sup>  $(2\ 8\ 7)$   $(5)$   
not unique

Conventions: Don't write 1-cycles